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1. MOZAMBICAN REPRESENTATION ON PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO 28TH UNGA IS SAME AS LAST YEAR (REFAIR). LUIS CRUCHO DE ALMEIDA, PRINCIPAL DELEGATE, WHO WAS PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY LOURENCO MARQUES, HAS NOW RETURNED TO LISBON AS ADVISOR ON INTERNATIONAL LAW TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. LAMEDUCK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY CUSTODIA LOPES AND DIARIO NEWSPAPER EDITOR FATHER JOAQUIM LUIS SANTOS CONTINUE AS ALTERNATES, AS THEY HAVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

2. TWO MOZAMBICAN AFRICANS APPEAR AS ADVISORS TO DELEGATION. FELISBERTO MACHATINE IS TRADITIONAL CHIEF, MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND ITS PREDECESSOR, AND LONGTIME MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS TO ILO. HE IS AMIABLE AND INTELLIGENT BUT DEFINITELY OF OLD SCHOOL. FATHER ATANASIO MWITO IS NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND A MEMBER OF NORTHERN MACONDE TRIBE WHICH HAS FURNISHED BACKBONE OF FRELIMO

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GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN CABO DELGADO DISTRICT. HE REPORTEDLY

STOOD OUT AMONG THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
AS ARTICULATE AND FORTHRIGHT. MACHATINE SPEAKS A LITTLE
ENGLISH; WE DO NOT KNOW MWITO.

3. COMMENT: PREVIOUS ADVISORS TO PORTUGUESE UNGA DELEGATIONS
HAVE GENERALLY BEEN PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS OR OVERSEAS
MINISTRY OFFICIALS. INCLUSION OF THESE AFRICANS SEEMS IN-
TENDED DEMONSTRATE PORTUGUESE MULTI-RACIALISM AND PROVIDE
AFRICANS PREPARED TO DEFEND CONTINUED PORTUGUESE PRESENCE
IN AFRICA, RATHER THAN TO HAVE BENEFIT THEIR TECHNICAL ADVICE.
AS IN PAST YEARS, MOZAMBICAN PRESENCE ON DELEGATION FOR SOME
REASON OUTWEIGHS ANGOLAN.
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